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For	:	<i>Lactobacillus</i> Strains and Uses Therefor			

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 7, 2006.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

Replacement drawings follow.